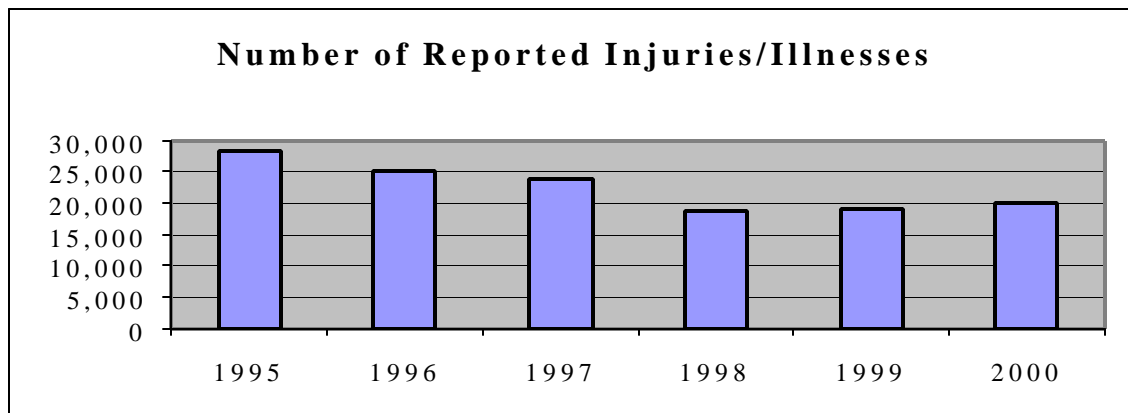


## Workplace Injury/Illness Statistical Review

**Table 1**  
**Summary of Workers' Compensation Opened Claims Filed, 1995 - 2000**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Reported Injuries/Illnesses</b>	<b>Percentage of Change from Prior Year</b>
1995	28,120	
1996	24,954	-11%
1997	23,731	-5%
1998	18,868	-21%
1999	19,059	1%
2000	19,768	4%

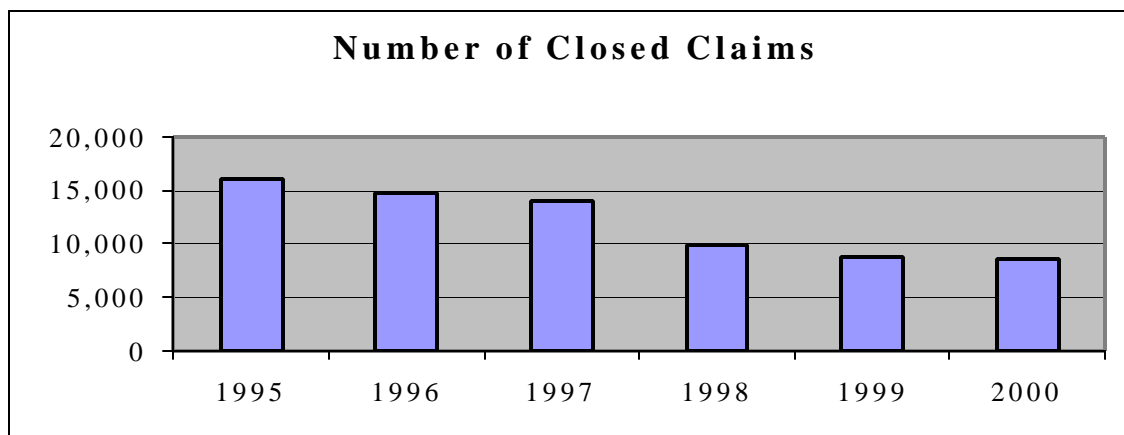
Note: This table includes disputed and undisputed claims.



**Table 2**  
**Total Closed Workers' Compensation Claims, 1995 - 2000**

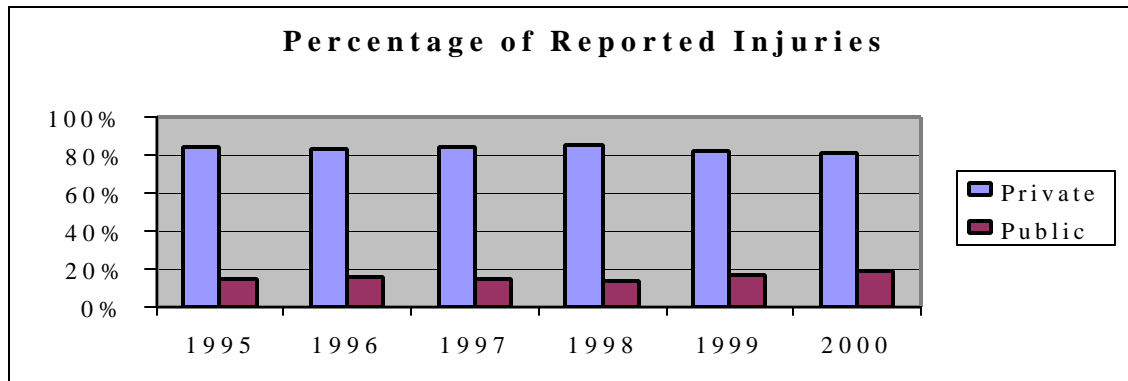
<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Closed Claims</b>	<b>Percentage of Change from Prior Year</b>
1995	16,049	
1996	14,791	-8%
1997	13,882	-6%
1998	9,843	-29%
1999	8,709	-12%
2000	8,527	-2%

Note: This table includes disputed and undisputed claims.



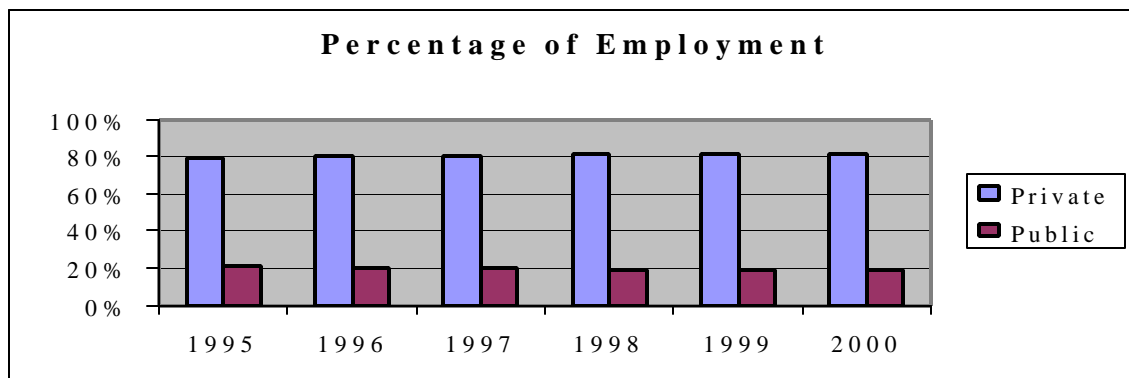
**Table 3**  
**Percentage of Reported Injuries by Private and Public Sector, 1995 - 2000**

<b>Employer Type</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Private	85%	84%	85%	86%	83%	81%
Public	15%	16%	15%	14%	17%	19%



**Table 4**  
**Percentage of Employment by Private and Public Sector, 1995 - 2000**

<b>Employment Type</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Private	79%	80%	80%	81%	81%	81%
Public	21%	20%	20%	19%	19%	19%

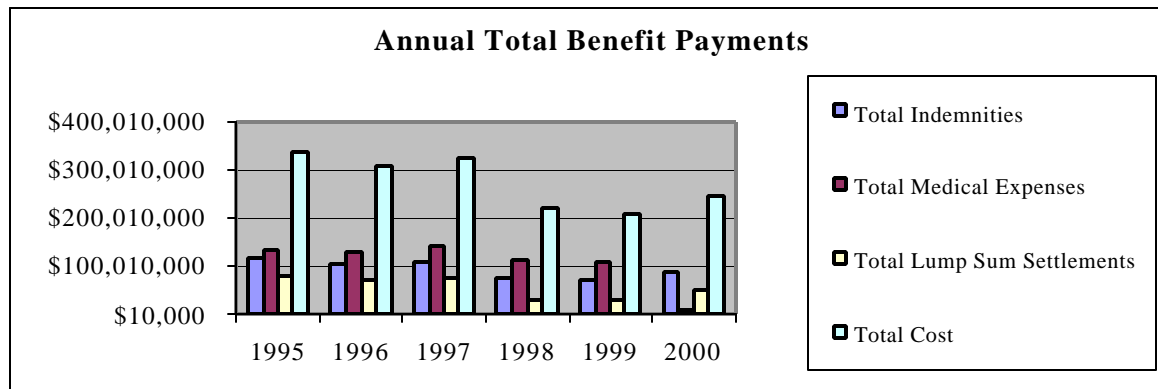


Source: Data is derived from the Louisiana Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Report, Louisiana Department of Labor, Research and Statistics Division. Email address, [oois@ldol.state.la.us](mailto:oois@ldol.state.la.us).

**Table 5**  
**Annual Total Benefit Payments, 1995 – 2000**  
**Closed Claims**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Indemnities</b>	<b>Total Medical Expenses</b>	<b>Total Lump Sum Settlements</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
1995	\$ 118,367,085	\$ 134,856,810	\$ 81,970,386	\$ 334,924,281
1996	\$ 103,717,225	\$ 130,473,169	\$ 71,688,268	\$ 305,878,662
1997	\$ 108,962,649	\$ 139,522,362	\$ 75,435,475	\$ 323,920,486
1998	\$ 74,715,402	\$ 112,229,512	\$ 31,053,955	\$ 217,998,869
1999	\$ 70,075,188	\$ 108,645,705	\$ 30,690,346	\$ 209,411,239
2000	\$ 82,497,950	\$ 111,184,362	\$ 48,667,009	\$ 242,349,321

Note: Total expenses include payments for funeral, hospital, legal, medical, rehabilitation, transportation and other expenses.



## Workplace Fatality Claims

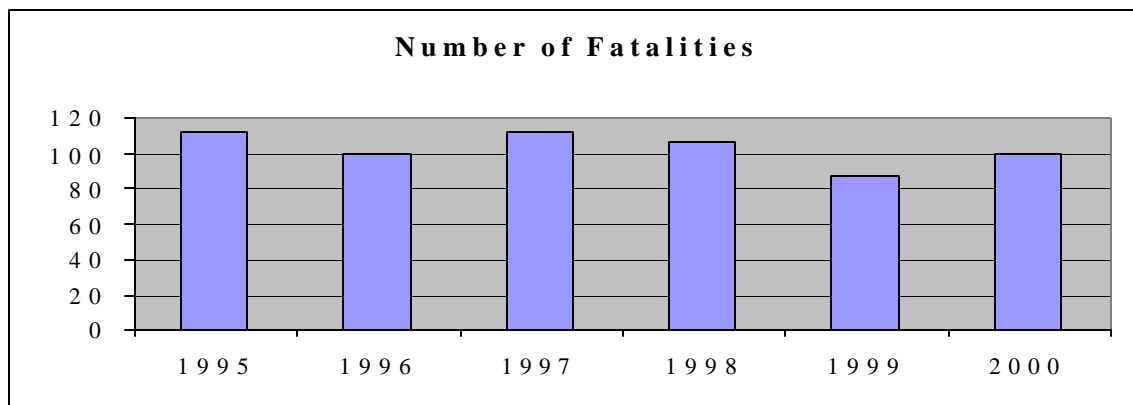
**Table 6**  
**Workplace Fatality Reported Claims, 1995 - 2000**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Fatalities</b>	<b>Percentage of Change from Prior Year</b>
1995	111	
1996	100	-10%
1997	112	12%
1998	107	-4%
1999	87	-19%
2000	99	14%

Note: The claims reported are workplace fatalities that are compensable under Louisiana's compensation statute.

The information represents workplace fatalities in instances where:

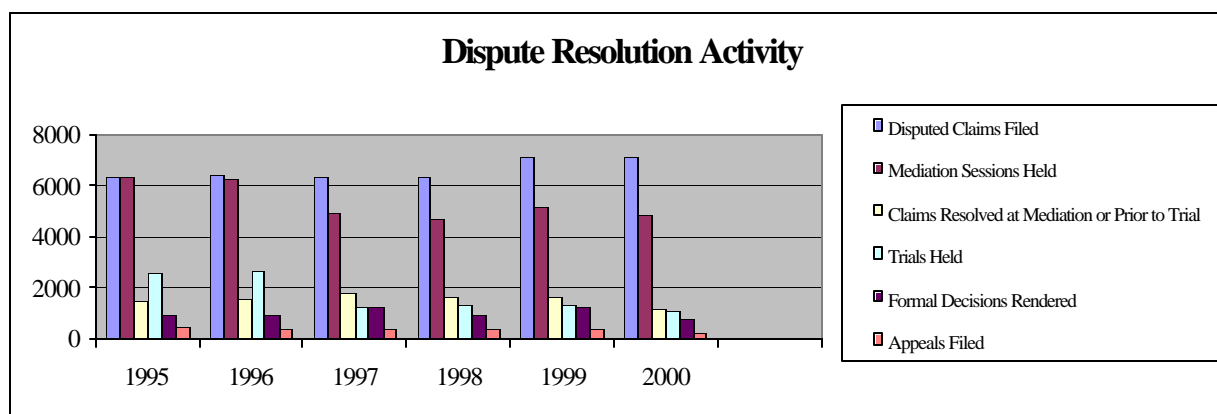
- death occurred while on the employer's premises and is work-related
- death occurred off the employer's premises and is work-related



## Hearing System Activity, 1995 - 2000

**Table 7**  
**Dispute Resolution Activity, 1995 - 2000**

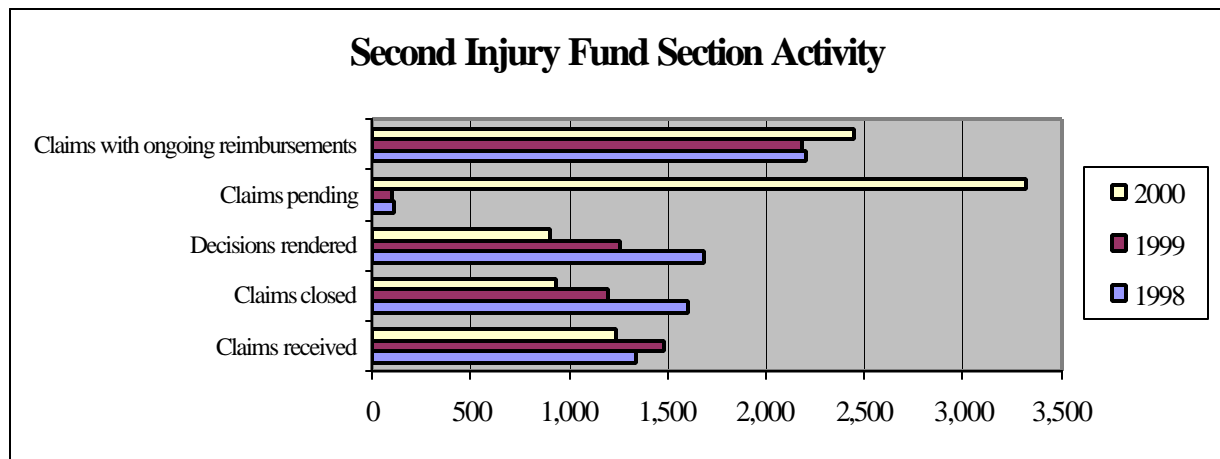
<b>Year</b>	<b>Disputed Claims Filed</b>	<b>Mediation Sessions Held</b>	<b>Claims Resolved at Mediation or Prior to Trial</b>	<b>Trials Held</b>	<b>Formal Decisions Rendered</b>	<b>Appeals Filed</b>
1995	6,301	6,305	1,477	2,621	980	464
1996	6,402	6,286	1,575	2,637	929	373
1997	6,348	4,913	1,784	1,276	1,238	399
1998	6,340	4,710	1,671	1,362	932	436
1999	7,097	5,178	1,618	1,334	1,246	356
2000	7,103	4,861	1,143	1,066	761	197



## Second Injury Fund Section Activity, 1998 - 2000

**Table 8**  
**Second Injury Fund Section Activity, 1998 - 2000**

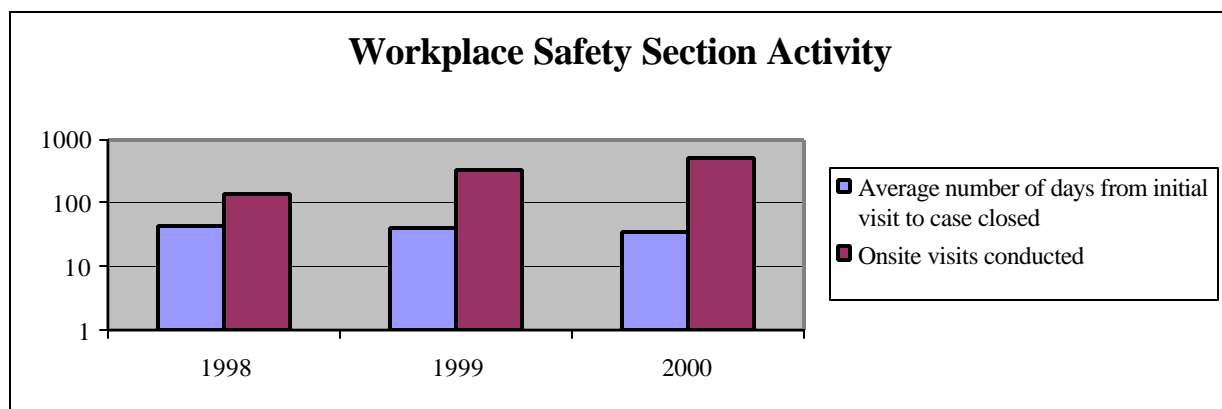
<b>Activity</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Claims received	1,337	1,482	1,237
Claims closed	1,601	1,195	935
Decisions rendered	1,689	1,257	905
Claims pending	109	101	3,324
Claims with ongoing reimbursements	2,205	2,184	2,453



## OWCA Workplace Safety, 1998 – 2000

**Table 9**  
**Workplace Safety Section Activity, 1998 - 2000**

Activity	1998	1999	2000
Average number of days from initial visit to case closed	44	39	36
Onsite visits conducted	136	332	499

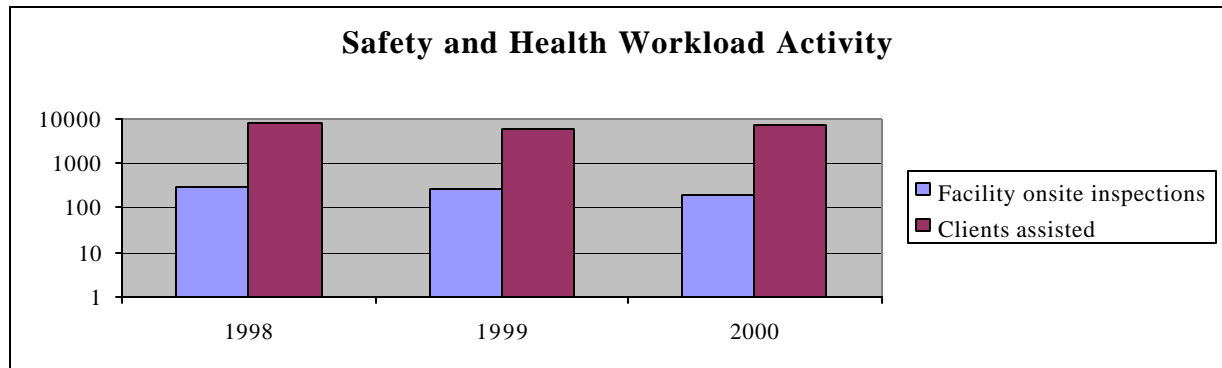




## Safety Section Activity, 1998 - 2000

**Table 10**  
**Safety and Health Workload, 1998 - 2000**

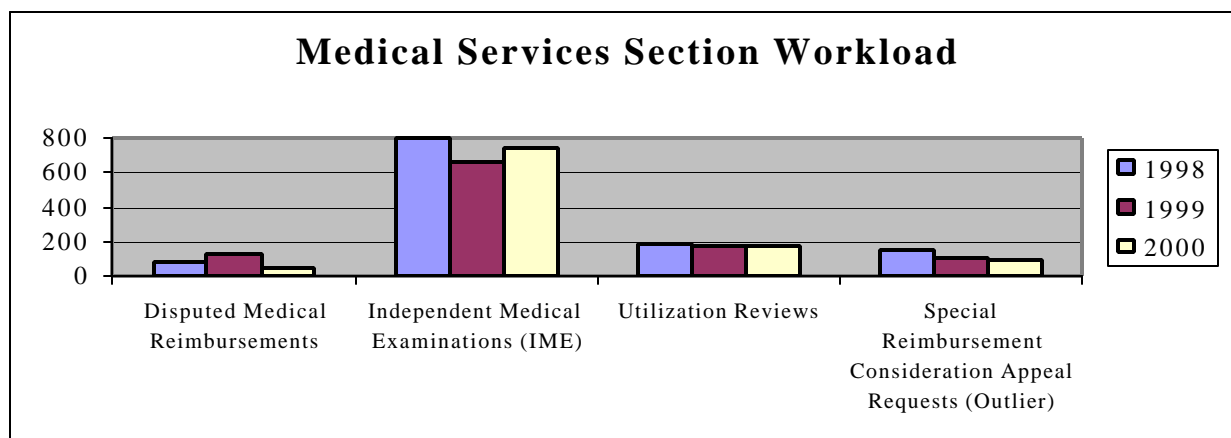
Activity	1998	1999	2000
Facility onsite inspections	287	276	200
Clients assisted	7,826	5,767	7,067



## Medical Services Section Activity, 1997 - 1999

**Table 11**  
**Medical Services Section Workload, 1998 - 2000**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Disputed Medical Reimbursements	81	125	54
Independent Medical Examinations (IME)	802	664	744
Utilization Reviews	192	173	175
Special Reimbursement Consideration Appeal Requests (Outlier)	159	115	99



**Table 11A**  
**Average number of days from receipt to case processed, 2000**

<b>Type of Case</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Average Cases Worked per Month</b>	<b>Average Days to Process</b>
Independent Medical Examinations (IME)	295	59	7.8
Utilization Reviews	76	15	6.6
Disputed Medical Reimbursements	14	3	11.8
Special Reimbursement Consideration Appeal Request (Outlier)	45	9	4.8

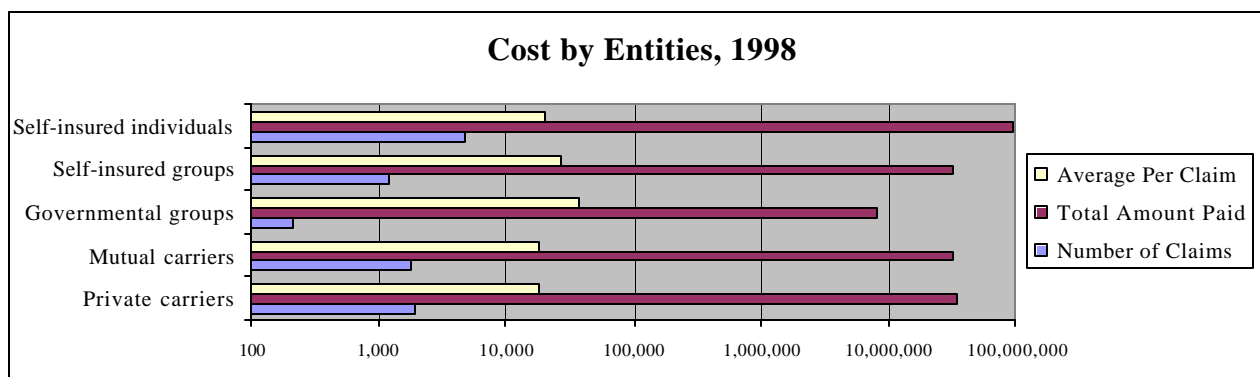
Note: In August 2000, the Medical Services Section began tracking the average number of days from the date of receipt to the actual time to process the dispute.

## Summary of Paid Closed Workers' Compensation Claims by Entities Providing Workers' Compensation Coverage, 1998 - 2000

The type of entities providing workers' compensation coverage for claims reported as closed for 1998-2000 is presented in Tables 12 through 12B. Claims reported include disputed and undisputed workers' compensation matters.

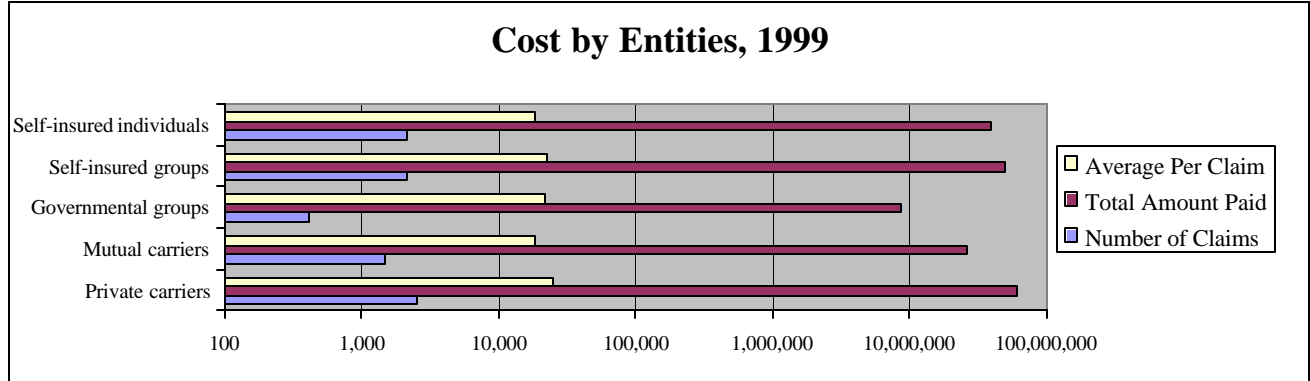
**Table 12**  
**Cost by Entities, 1998**

<b>Entities</b>	<b>Number of Claims</b>	<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>Average Per Claim</b>
Private carriers	1,904	\$ 34,656,702	\$ 18,202
Mutual carriers	1,772	\$ 32,232,155	\$ 18,190
Governmental groups	216	\$ 8,115,895	\$ 37,574
Self-insured groups	1,194	\$ 32,076,139	\$ 26,864
Self-insured individuals	4,757	\$ 95,958,822	\$ 20,172
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,843</b>	<b>\$ 203,039,113</b>	<b>\$ 20,628</b>



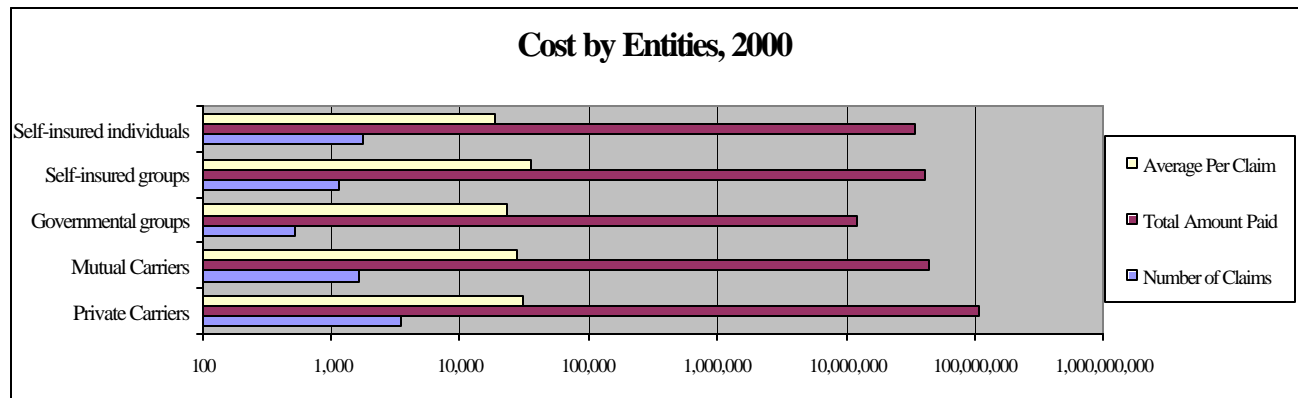
**Table 12A**  
**Cost by Entities, 1999**

<b>Entities</b>	<b>Number of Claims</b>	<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>Average Per Claim</b>
Private carriers	2,515	\$ 61,781,760	\$ 24,565
Mutual carriers	1,467	\$ 26,653,040	\$ 18,168
Governmental groups	406	\$ 8,806,423	\$ 21,691
Self-insured groups	2,159	\$ 49,374,238	\$ 22,869
Self-insured individuals	2,162	\$ 39,681,022	\$ 18,354
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,709</b>	<b>\$ 186,296,483</b>	<b>\$ 21,391</b>



**Table 12B**  
**Cost by Entities, 2000**

<b>Entities</b>	<b>Number of Claims</b>	<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>Average Per Claim</b>
Private carriers	3,472	\$ 107,298,786	\$ 30,904
Mutual carriers	1,619	\$ 44,121,627	\$ 27,252
Governmental groups	522	\$ 12,293,394	\$ 23,551
Self-insured groups	1,139	\$ 40,500,383	\$ 35,558
Self-insured individuals	1,775	\$ 33,415,881	\$ 18,826
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,527</b>	<b>\$ 237,630,071</b>	<b>\$ 27,868</b>



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